

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (canceled).
2. (currently amended): An electronic medical record information management system, comprising:
 - at least one electronic medical record information managing means;
 - a plurality of electronic medical record showing means; and
 - a communication network that connects the at least one electronic medical record information managing means to said plurality of electronic medical record showing means, wherein:
 - each of said plurality of electronic medical record showing means comprises:
 - a first communication unit for connecting to said communication network; and
 - at least one first electronic medical record terminal that makes electronic medical records of patients and transmits said electronic medical records to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit and said communication network, and makes a request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record information managing means, and transmits said request to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit,

and shows one or more of said electronic medical records transmitted from said electronic medical record information managing means, and

said electronic medical record information managing means comprises:

a second communication unit for connecting to said communication network;

an electronic medical record storer that stores said electronic medical records that were transmitted from said electronic medical record showing means; and

a control server that obtains one or more of said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record storer, and transmits the obtained one or more of said electronic medical records to said electronic medical record showing means through said second communication unit,

wherein:

said at least one first electronic medical record terminal further includes means for adding information to each of said electronic medical records and means for transmitting said electronic medical records having the added information to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit, and

said control server further makes said electronic medical record storer store said electronic medical records received from said electronic medical record showing means through said second communication unit, and

said control server, ~~at a time that a~~ after the request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records is made, judges whether a user who transmitted said request is a user who has a second access right or not, and when said user has said second access right, said control server makes said electronic medical record storer store said electronic medical records.

3.-7. (canceled).

8. (currently amended): An electronic medical record information management system, comprising:

at least one electronic medical record information managing means;

a plurality of electronic medical record showing means; and

a communication network that connects the at least one electronic medical record information managing means to said plurality of electronic medical record showing means, wherein:

each of said plurality of electronic medical record showing means comprises:

a first communication unit for connecting to said communication network; and

at least one first electronic medical record terminal that makes electronic medical records of patients and transmits said electronic medical records to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit and said communication network, and makes a request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record information managing means, and transmits said request to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit, and shows one or more of said electronic medical records transmitted from said electronic medical record information managing means, and

said electronic medical record information managing means comprises:

said control server judges whether said user who transmitted said request is said user who has said first access right or not, based on said first access right information received from said electronic medical record showing means through said second communication unit.

11-13. (canceled).

14. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management system in accordance with claim 2, wherein:

said electronic medical record showing means further comprises:

a second access right information making unit that transmits second access right information with which said control server judges whether said user has said second access right or not to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit, wherein:

said control server judges whether said user who transmitted said request is said user who has said second access right or not, based on said second access right information received from said electronic medical record showing means through said second communication unit.

15. (canceled).

16. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management system in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

a second communication unit for connecting to said communication network;

an electronic medical record storer that stores said electronic medical records that were transmitted from said electronic medical record showing means; and

a control server that obtains one or more of said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record storer, and transmits the obtained one or more of said electronic medical records to said electronic medical record showing means through said second communication unit, wherein:

said control server, ~~at a time a~~ after the request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records is made, judges whether a user who transmitted said request is a user who has a first access right or not, and when said user has said first access right, said control server obtains said electronic medical record of said patient designated by said request from said electronic medical record storer.

9. (canceled).

10. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management system in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

said electronic medical record showing means further comprises:

a first access right information making unit that transmits first access right information with which said control server judges whether said user has said first access right or not to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit, wherein:

said electronic medical record includes original data before new data are added.

17. (canceled).

18. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management system in accordance with claim 8, wherein:

when data are transmitted between said electronic medical record information managing means and said electronic medical record showing means, said data are encrypted and said encrypted data are transmitted, and

when data are received at said electronic medical record information managing means and said electronic medical record showing means, said data are decrypted.

19-21. (canceled).

22. (currently amended): An electronic medical record information management method comprising:

making electronic medical records of patients at a hospital information system;

storing said electronic medical records in said hospital information system;

transmitting said electronic medical records stored in said hospital information system to an electronic medical record information management center system;

storing said transmitted electronic medical records of said patients at said electronic medical record information management center system;

transmitting one or more of said electronic medical records to said hospital information system when one or more of said electronic medical records are requested;

storing said transmitted one or more of said electronic medical records at said hospital information system;

showing one or more of said electronic medical records at said hospital information system, and

judging, ~~at a time a~~ after the request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records is made, whether a user who requested to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records of said patients has a first access right or not, wherein:

when said user has said first access right, said requested one or more of said electronic medical records are transmitted to said hospital information system.

23-24. (canceled).

25. (currently amended): An electronic medical record information management method comprising:

making electronic medical records of patients at a hospital information system;

storing said electronic medical records in said hospital information system;

transmitting said electronic medical records stored in said hospital information system to an electronic medical record information management center system;

storing said transmitted electronic medical records of said patients at said electronic medical record information management center system;

transmitting one or more of said electronic medical records to said hospital information system when one or more of said electronic medical records are requested;

storing said transmitted one or more of said electronic medical records at said hospital information system;

showing one or more of said electronic medical records at said hospital information system; and

judging, ~~at a time after the~~ request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records is made, whether a user who requested to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records of said patients has a second access right or not, wherein:

when said user has said second access right, said electronic medical records made and transmitted from said hospital information system are stored in said electronic medical record information management center system.

26. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management method in accordance with claim 22 further comprising:

adding new information to said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record information management center system from said hospital information system.

27. (canceled).

28. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management method in accordance with claim 22 further comprising:

encrypting said electronic medical records when said electronic medical records are transmitted; and

decrypting said electronic medical records when said electronic medical records are received.

29. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management method in accordance with claim 25, the method further comprising:

encrypting said electronic medical records when said electronic medical records are transmitted; and

decrypting said electronic medical records when said electronic medical records are received.

30. (previously presented): An electronic medical record information management method in accordance with claim 25, the method further comprising:

adding new information to said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record information management center system from said hospital information system.

31. (new): An electronic medical record information management system, comprising:

at least one electronic medical record information managing means;

a plurality of electronic medical record showing means; and

a communication network that connects the at least one electronic medical record information managing means to said plurality of electronic medical record showing means, wherein:

each of said plurality of electronic medical record showing means comprises:

a first communication unit for connecting to said communication network; and

at least one first electronic medical record terminal that makes electronic medical records of patients and transmits said electronic medical records to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit and said communication network, and makes a request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record information managing means, and transmits said request to said electronic medical record information managing means through said first communication unit, and shows one or more of said electronic medical records transmitted from said electronic medical record information managing means, and

said electronic medical record information managing means comprises:

a second communication unit for connecting to said communication network;

an electronic medical record storer that stores said electronic medical records that were transmitted from said electronic medical record showing means; and

a control server that obtains one or more of said electronic medical records stored in said electronic medical record storer, and transmits the obtained one or more of said

electronic medical records to said electronic medical record showing means through said second communication unit,

wherein:

said control server judges whether a user has a second access right or not, and when said user has said second access right, the user is provided with access to the electronic medical record information managing means;

and wherein, in response to a request for said electronic medical record by a user having the second access right, said control server also judges whether the user with said second access right is a user who also has a first access right or not, and when said user has said first access right, said control server obtains said electronic medical record of said patient designated by said request from said electronic medical record storer.

32. (new): An electronic medical record information management method comprising:

making electronic medical records of patients at a hospital information system;

storing said electronic medical records in said hospital information system;

transmitting said electronic medical records stored in said hospital information system to an electronic medical record information management center system;

storing said transmitted electronic medical records of said patients at said electronic medical record information management center system;

transmitting one or more of said electronic medical records to said hospital information system when one or more of said electronic medical records are requested;

storing said transmitted one or more of said electronic medical records at said hospital information system;

showing one or more of said electronic medical records at said hospital information system,

judging whether a user has a second access right or not, and when said user has said second access right, the user is provided with access to the electronic medical record information managing means; and

judging, after the request to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records is made, whether a user who requested to transmit one or more of said electronic medical records of said patients has a first access right or not, wherein:

when said user has said first access right, said requested one or more of said electronic medical records are transmitted to said hospital information system.